

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
SMOKING ORDINANCE**



An Ordinance restricting smoking in certain public areas was approved by the Grand Prairie City Council on February 4, 1996. The Ordinance became effective on April 4, 1996. The following synopsis is provided to assist you in establishing a smoking policy, which complies with the provisions of the ordinance.

SMOKING IN CITY BUILDINGS

Smoking Prohibited

The smoking or possession of a burning tobacco or other plant product is prohibited in:

- 1) Conferences and meetings where City business is discussed which are accessible to the public under the Open Meetings Act;
- 2) Public Service areas (i.e. any area to which the public routinely has access for services);
- 3) Cashier and customer service areas; and
- 4) Elevators.

The regulation of smoking in other areas will be left to the discretion of the person in charge. These will include such areas as individual offices and administrative areas not generally accessible to the public.

RETAIL OR SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Restaurants:

Smoking is Prohibited

- 1) Food order and cashier areas;
- 2) Restrooms;
- 3) Any establishment seating 50 persons or more must designate a portion of the dining area as "non-smoking". The ordinance does not require the establishment to designate any specific percentage of seating as non-smoking. This is left to the owner's discretion; and
- 4) Signs are required at the entrance stating that non-smoking seating is available.

Retail or Service Establishments:

Smoking is Prohibited

- 1) Cashier areas; and
- 2) Customer service areas; and
- 3) Elevators.

The person in charge has discretion to designate any other area as non-smoking.

General Workplace:

Any employer may designate any workplace, or portion thereof, as a non-smoking area. If non-smoking areas are established, a written smoking policy must be communicated to employees within three (3) weeks of adoption.

EXEMPTIONS

- 1) Bars; and
- 2) Establishments selling primarily tobacco or tobacco related products.

SIGN REQUIREMENTS

All non-smoking areas must be designated by an appropriately worded sign or symbol which adequately relays the intended message. Worded signs must contain lettering at least one inch (1") in height. If so desired, the wording "No Smoking, City Ordinance No. 3834, violators fined up to \$200" may be used. Ashtrays must be available at the entrance of non-smoking areas.

A written policy regarding smoking will be required of each establishment serving the general public and must be available for inspection by employees and designated enforcement personnel. This policy need not be an elaborate statement and may be adequately handled by a brief paragraph or statement.

Enforcement of the Ordinance will be on a complaint basis only. The owner of an establishment is not required to enforce the ordinance nor are establishments required to make structural changes in order to comply.

If you have further questions, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 972/237-8055.